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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
John C. Harvey and James W. Cuddihy : Examiner:  
Serial No. To be Accorded : Group Unit:  
Filed Herewith : Atty Dkt: 5634.208  
For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

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ColeyPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

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  - 2 A method of processing signals at a receiver station, said receiver station having a plurality of processors, said method comprising the steps of:
  - 3 programming a control processor to execute a predetermined function;
  - 4 receiving an information transmission containing a digital television signal;
  - 5 detecting a message stream in said information transmission;
  - 6 selecting one message of said detected message stream;